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SUBJ: CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATES

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SUMMARY: FONOFF (TANIGUCHI) EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR
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REAFFIRMATION OF US POSITION ON CHARTER AND EXPRESSED DEEP

GOJ CONCERN OVER CHARTER DEVELOPMENTS AND PROSPECTS IN UN.
END SUMMARY.

1. TANIGUCHI OF FONOFF UN BUREAU EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR RECEIPT OF REAFFIRMATION OF U.S. POSITION PER REFTEL AND OFFERED FOLLOWING ASSESSMENT OF CHARTER PROSPECTS BASED ON RECENT TELECON WITH MIYAKE OF JAPANESE DEL.

2. MEMBERS OF GROUP OF 77 THAT ARE NOT MEMBERS OF UNCTAD CHARTER WORKING GROUP, SUCH AS ALGERIA AND PERU, SEEM TO BE FORCING G-77 TOWARD TOUGHER LINE IN UNGA THAN MANY G-77 MEMBERS APPEARED PREPARED TO TAKE IN WORKING GROUP. THESE COUNTRIES HAVE NO INTEREST IN ADOPTING A CHARTER WHICH IS LESS OUTSPOKEN THAN DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES AND ACTION PROGRAM ON "NEW ECONOMIC ORDER" ADOPTED AT SIXTH SPECIAL UNGA SESSION AND MAY WELL SUBMIT NEW RADICAL TEXT OF CHARTER UNDER THREAT TO VOTE IT THROUGH UNGA IF PRESENT "COMPROMISE" VERSION--COMPLETE WITH OBJECTIONABLE PARAGRAPHS--IS NOT ACCEPTED BY GROUP B COUNTRIES. MEXICO APPEARS TO HAVE LOST ANY INFLUENCE/ CONTROL IT MAY HAVE HAD OVER G-77.

3. IF DRAFT CHARTER COMES TO VOTE WITH PRESENT OBJECTIONABLE PARAGRAPHS INTACT, GOJ SEES FRG AND POSSIBLY UK STANDING FIRM WITH U.S. TO VOTE NO ON CHARTER AS A WHOLE, WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF EC, CANADA AND AUSTRALIA LEANING TOWARD ABSTENTION. LATTER TWO COUNTRIES MAY EVEN VOTE YES WITH RESERVATIONS.

4. GOJ VOTING POSITION UNDER VARIOUS CONTINGENCIES NOW UNDER VERY SERIOUS STUDY. TANIGUCHI BELIEVES JAPAN DEL. WOULD WELCOME SEPARATE VOTE ON INDIVIDUAL PARAGRAPHS TO RECORD SUPPORT OR OPPOSITION ON SPECIFIC PROVISIONS. ABSTENTION OR NEGATIVE ARE ONLY REALISTIC OPTIONS FOR GOJ IN VOTE ON CHARTER AS A WHOLE, TANIGUCHI SAID; IT APPEARS MOST UNLIKELY THAT GOJ COULD VOTE IN FAVOR OF ANY DRAFT NOW LIKELY TO BE PUT FORWARD IN UNGA. HE ADDED THAT GOJ WILL HAVE TO REASSESS ITS ENTIRE APPROACH TO UNITED NATIONS IF G-77 RAMS THROUGH UNACCEPTABLE CHARTER BY "AUTOMATIC MAJORITY."

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5. TANIGUCHI EXPECTS TO TAKE PART IN FURTHER GROUP B DISCUSSIONS OF CHARTER IN GENEVA LATE NOVEMBER AFTER HE ATTENDS WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE IN ROME.
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